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County Executive

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Dear Mr. Ahearne:

Last evening the first of several public hearings on the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant Evacuation Plan took place in Westchester County.

I am writing today to formally communicate our contention that this plan not be adopted on April 1st by your commission. Indeed, the many major flaws in the plan which were brought to light last night by our local public officials mandate that the plan not be adopted until it is modified, refined and improved in large measure. Extensive analysis and revision will be required. To approve the plan on April 1st prior to such revision would be irresponsible.

For example, of great concern is the reliance on public transportation to evacuate people from the affected 10-mile area. The County Commissioner of Transportation made clear to the authors of the plan on several occasions, that it was not in the purview of the County to order public bus drivers into a contaminated area. The Commissioner also pointed out the limited number of public buses which normally operate in the area around Indian Point. Additionally, to our knowledge, the egress routes from the site have not been actually tested for bus accessibility.

Despite our demand that we not rely on Con Ed and PASNY to notify us in the event of an emergency, there is no provision for a 24-hour fulltime public representative on site at the nuclear facility. Our initial concerns about notification procedures have not been addressed by the authors; indeed, many more problems with respect to notification have since been raised, such as "deaf" spots in the area where warning sirens could not be heard by residents due to the topography.

The issue of resources -- both financial and operational -- has not been resolved in any manner.



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Be assured that we will be vigilant in seeing that this plan which, as you know, is required of the power company by Federal law, is workable, rational, and in the best interests of the hundreds of thousands of citizens who live within a short distance of this nuclear facility.

Sincerely,



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